

**Man Arrested For Flashing Obscene Hand Gesture To Raja Permaisuri Agong
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GEORGE TOWN, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- Police arrested a man believed to have flashing an obscene hand gesture to Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah in an incident at the Bayan Lepas International Airport here Monday.

Barat Daya police chief Supt Hatta Md Zin said in the 12.30pm incident, the 29-year-old suspect was believed to have flashed the obscene hand gesture when the car carrying Tuanku Hajah Haminah passed by at the airport.

"It is learnt that the suspect's father was sending the suspect to the airport and that they were having an argument. Maybe the suspect was angry with his father and made the obscene hand sign.

"Coincidentally, the car carrying Raja Permaisuri Agong passed by and one of the officials saw the suspect's gesture and arrested him," Hatta said when contacted here today.

He said the suspect had been remanded until Feb 14 to facilitate further investigation under Section 294 of the Penal Code which carries a maximum three months' jail upon conviction.

Meanwhile, Penang branch of Kerabat Pusaka Merong Wangsa Association of Malaysia today lodged a report about the incident at the Barat Daya police headquarters here.

Its chairman, Azhar Abdul Majid, the act of flashing an obscene hand gesture to Raja Permaisuri Agong was indeed rude.

"We want the police investigate the incident and bring those involved to justice," he said, adding that they also hoped that the police would take stern action against the suspect to prevent recurrence of the incident.

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